

# **CITY OF SAN DIEGO AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

**Meeting of January 9, 2007  
Montgomery Field Airport Lobby**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Rick Beach (Special Expertise), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community Planning Group), Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Planning Group), Kevin O'Donnell (Special Expertise), Kathy Monsour (Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Committee), Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field User Group), Juan Escalante (Brown Field Aviation Tenant), J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Tenant), Tom Dray (Montgomery Tower).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Ricotta (Otay Mesa Planning Group), Allen Kruse (Brown Field User Group), Scott Hasson (Tierrasanta Community Council).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mike Tussey, Terry Price, Clayton Welch, Christian Anderson, Phillip Miller.

**GUESTS:** Cory Hazlewood, Richard Vernon, Gerald Blank, Bob Golo, Al Boyce, Mike Finley, Larry Rothrock.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Chairman Fink, who announced that a quorum was present.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 14, 2006 regular meeting were approved as written.

### **3. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **4. DEPUTY DIRECTORS REPORT**

Mike Tussey introduced Jim Aldrich as a new member representing Montgomery Field Aviation Tenants. Tom Dray was introduced as the Montgomery field Tower Chief and a new member of the Committee. Mr. Tussey congratulated Buzz Fink on his appointment for another four year term on the Committee.

Mr. Tussey presented a Certificate of Appreciation and a set of Airports Division wings to former AAC member Gerald Blank.

Mr. Tussey expressed his appreciation to the members of the committee for their support over the last year. He cited a number of accomplishments that occurred during 2006.

Larry Rothrock thanked the Committee for their help in reaching an agreement with the City for a long term lease for EAA. That lease has now been approved.

### Sunroad Office Building

Sunroad Development apparently believes that the high rise building is not a problem and any hazard has been mitigated. The City maintains that there is a problem that needs to be resolved with FAA before work can continue.

### Capital Projects

Five year CIP: Mr. Tussey is working on the five year plan and concurs with the priority of CIP items that Buzz Gibbs had previously circulated to the committee. Rick Beach asked that this item be on next month's agenda.

The RFQ for 60+ acres at Brown Field has been released.

The award for the blast pad work is expected by mid February. Work is proceeding on the environmental constraints on the west and northwest portions of Montgomery Field. It is hoped that work on the vernal pool restoration can begin by mid-February.

Brown Field Electrical project is expected to start by mid-February. The fence work on the north side of Brown Field will begin next week.

Mr. Tussey asked that the Committee establish a sub-committee to address the Flattop and Marigold hangar issues and make recommendations to him regarding how the areas should be administered. The previous committee recommended that an inventory be developed of who is actually in the hangars. That list is now complete. Chuck McGill will head the sub-committee.

A report on the AOPA watch program has been deferred until the next meeting.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

A change to the Committee Bylaws was proposed by Chairman Fink. Buzz Gibbs stated that the Kearny Mesa Planning Group had recently been advised by the City Attorney that they were subject to the provisions of the Brown Act and such changes need to be publicly noticed. Discussion followed and the proposed changes were withdrawn pending resolution of the Brown Act applicability.

Nomination of Chair for 2007: Jackie Ander nominated Buzz Fink. Chuck McGill nominated Rick Beach. A vote was taken by ballot. There were four votes for Fink and three votes for Beach. Both Beach and Fink abstained from voting.

Election of Vice Chair: Buzz Gibbs nominated Rick Beach. There were no additional nominations. Mr. Beach was elected unanimously.

There was discussion about the continued use of non aviation land uses on the north side of Brown Field Airport. Christian Anderson reported that revenue from those businesses total about \$650,000 annually. Chairman Fink reported that the revenue derived from those

businesses help to pay for the fence and the electrical upgrade projects. A **motion** was made by Buzz Gibbs and seconded: “That the AAC support, in concept, the continued use by non-aviation businesses of land on the north side of Brown Field, north of the extension of Pogo Row, that are a source of revenue to the Airports Enterprise Fund and provide funding for essential aviation capital improvements projects on Brown Field.”  
The motion passed unanimously.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rick Beach announced that AOPA was looking into ways it could support the City of San Diego lawsuit against Sunroad Development.

Juan Escalante reported that Tom Ricotta’s mother, Ellen, is ill and in the hospital. The Chair will convey the best wishes of the Committee to her.

Jackie Ander announced that anyone who has not visited the new Serra mesa/Kearny Mesa library should make an effort to do so.

Chairman Fink announced that golfer Tiger Woods has now completed 31 sky dives at Nichols Field.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Montgomery Field on February 13 at 3:00 p.m.

**9. ACTIONS:**

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Respectfully submitted,

Terry Price